

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 702  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the organizations and volunteers for their assistance to flood victims in Eastern Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly should honor those remarkable individuals who display exceptional concern for others; and

WHEREAS, it is during the tumults and crises in life that the true mettle of a person's character comes to the fore; and

WHEREAS, the recent flooding in Eastern Tennessee devastated the lives of hundreds of Tennesseans, many of them losing their homes and their belongings; and

WHEREAS, without being asked to do so, several businesses, volunteers and organizations selflessly contributed to the effort to aid the victims of this tremendous natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers who unselfishly devoted their time and effort included: Arby's, McDonald's, Wendy's, the Classic Malt Shop, Domino's Pizza, Lowe's of Johnson City, 360 Communications, Pet Dairy, Revco/CRS, Mayfield Dairy, Howard Bare Transport, Laure Beverage Company, Purity Dairies, Coca Cola Bottling Company, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Paty's, Shoun Lumber, Pal's of Elizabethton, Johnson City Mall, Pepsi-Cola Bottling, Eastman, Georgia Carpet and Outlet, Lynn Valley Baptist Women, Carter Construction of Johnson City, Taco John's, Mayflower Restaurant, Carter County Bank, Elizabethton Municipal Airport, Home

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Depot, Free Service Tire, Dillon Supply, Salvation Army, Target, Edgehill Motor and Wrecking, Andy Oxy Company, Ridgewood Restaurant, Whitehead Construction, Michael Whitehead, BFI, Elizabethton Herb & Metal, Elk Park North Carolina Fire Department, Hampton Development Company, E.A. Bowers Construction Company, Powell Construction, Peter's Concrete, Native Green Construction, General Shale Products Corporation, Fluor-Daniels, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agents, Greene County Highway Superintendent James Jones, Washington County Executive George Jaynes, the Washington County Commission, Washington County Highway Superintendent Johnny Deakins, Atlas Construction, Furniture Plaza, Southern Café, Pardners Bar-B-Q, Dino's Restaurant, K Mart, Big Lots, Jack Perkins and staff, Carter County Highway Department, Sheriff John Henson and staff, Carter County Sheriff's Department, Jim Burrough, William Lovelace and the staff of the Carter County EMA, Carter County Planning, Chris Schuettler, Carter County Executive Truman Clark and staff, Lynda Vaughn, Joanie Smith, Judy McKenney, Roma Peters, Russell Kyte, Carroll Wiseman and Richard O'Quinn of the Carter County Executive's Office, John Holsclaw, Ed Younce, Greg McCracken, Ronnie Taylor, Pam Tipton and the entire office staff of the Office of the Carter County Assessor of Property, the Carter County Register of Deeds, Johnny Holder, Lou Eller, the staff of the Carter County Clerk, Charlotte McKeehan and the staff of the Carter County Clerk and Master, Randal Lewis, Carter County Trustee, the Division of Forestry and the Quality & Standards Division of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Captain Ferguson of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Harold Martin and all Northeast Tennessee crews of the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Warden Howard Carlton and the Carter County Work Camp crew and the Northeast Tennessee work crew of the Tennessee Department of Correction, the Codes Enforcement Office of the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office, the Tennessee Department of Human Services, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Shannon Morton, David Slagle, Frank McCauley, Kelly Smith, Carl Smith and the staff in the Knoxville lab of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the First Tennessee Human Resource Agency N.E.T. Trans who volunteered their time to flood

disaster relief in Carter County, Michelle Eastep, Mike McElyea, Joseph Berry, Brian Cross and Judy Pearce, the Division of Water Supply and the Division of Water Pollution Control of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, the 776<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company (DS) of the Tennessee National Guard, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the National Weather Service, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Radio Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the unflagging support and dedication of the Tennessee Emergency Management Authority helped to avert what could have been an even greater disaster; and

WHEREAS, the TEMA staff members include: Director John D. White, Jr., H.E. Baker, Gary Beazley, Karen D. Bibee, Jack D. Bixler, Thomas P. Bohannon, Charles A. Bryant, James R. Cannon, Remona B. Capps, Jack Carter, Douglas E. Carter, Michael E. Caudill, Robert W. Cayler, Thomas A. Cloud, L. Glenda Coleman, Bill P. Cooper, Marsha J. Cornish, Danny Daniel, Betty Eaves, Jeffrey S. Ekholm, James A. Francis, III, Louis Friedmann, Kory V. Gabrielsen, Bob Garrett, Frances C. Harris, Russ Haynes, Donna Holden, Timothy A. Holden, Charlene F. Hornbeck, Judith L. Huff, Billy F. Huffine, Robin L. Inglis, Bennie M. Jean, Chris Johnson, John W. Johnson, Hank Koebler, Valarie Lambert, Kevin A. Lawrence, Albert F. Libbrecht, Gary Lima, Rose M. Massey, Matt D. McKnight, Richard L. Montgomery, John W. Moyers, Mark L. Nash, Jeanie H. Neil, Russell A. Newman, Daniel W. Newton, Martha Nicholls, Thomas H. Norris, Diane Pryor, Lynne S. Richlen, Reginald T. Roberts, Michael D. Shelhorse, Charles E. Sitzlar, Robert E. Swabe, Willie L. Talley, Keith A. Tarwater, Richard D. Taylor, Jill H. Tokarsky, Elgan H. Usrey, Linda A. Walters, Cecil H. Whaley, Jr., Janelle A. Wilkey, Charles D. Williams, Deborah C. Williams, James Williams, David E. Wolfe, William S. Worth, Michael W. Wright, Kelly R. Zadakaous and Alan Zaslow; and

WHEREAS, the flood relief efforts would not have been as successful without the unwavering support of Governor Don Sundquist and Major General Jackie D. Wood, Department of the Army; and

WHEREAS, their genuine concern for the well-being of others and their invaluable assistance epitomized the true spirit of volunteerism in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend those businesses, organizations and volunteers for their unsolicited assistance for the victims of the flood in East Tennessee, and for the spirit of volunteerism they demonstrated in so doing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.